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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (August 16-23, 2007)

REF: ANKARA 2001 and previous

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) During the August 16-23, 2007 reporting period, two GOT security officials were killed during clashes with PKK terrorists.

¶3. (U) In the same period, the bodies of three PKK terrorists were found in two separate locations in Hakkari Province. Four PKKers were captured and another three surrendered.

¶4. (U) The TGS website reported one clash between security forces and PKK terrorists in Turkey's southeastern region during the reporting period. Security forces discovered 13 PKK shelters/caves/caches and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. (U) On August 23, PKKers set on fire a civilian vehicle in Yagizoymak, a village in Sirnak Province.

¶6. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES	NUMBER
May 2007	40
June 2007	40
July 2007	15
August 1-7, 2007	5

August 8-15, 2007 1  
August 16-23, 2007 1

#### CASUALTIES

##### Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA  
June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA  
July 2007 10 KIA, 14 WIA  
August 1-7, 2007 7 KIA, 8 WIA  
August 8-15, 2007 0 KIA, 16 WIA  
August 16-23, 2007 2 KIA, 0 WIA

##### PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered  
June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered  
July 2007 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered  
August 1-7, 2007 14 KIA, 3 captured, 0 surrendered

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August 8-15, 2007 1 KIA, 10 captured, 1 surrendered  
August 16-23, 2007 3 KIA, 4 captured, 3 surrendered

#### CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 113  
June 2007 50  
July 2007 28  
August 1-7, 2007 7  
August 8-15, 2007 10  
August 16-23, 2007 13

17. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

#### TURKISH SECURITY FORCES

	KIA	WIA
JANUARY	1	2
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	5	4
APRIL	18	16
MAY	15	42
JUNE	24	51
JULY	10	14
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	7	8
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	0	16

AUGUST 16-23, 2007	2	0
TOTAL	83	163

PKK	KIA	Captured	Surrendered
JANUARY	0	5	3
FEBRUARY	0	14	0
MARCH	16	15	7
APRIL	16	8	4
MAY	20*	31	3
JUNE	34	16	17
JULY	11	10	13
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	14	3	0
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	1	10	1
AUGUST 16-23, 2007	3	4	3
TOTAL	115	116	51

\* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS	KIA	WIA
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JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	0	0
APRIL	1	0
MAY	14*	108*
JUNE	1	1
JULY	1	3
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	1	0
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	0	1
AUGUST 16-23, 2007	0	0
TOTAL	19	115

\* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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